WRITING TIPS – PAINT A PICTURE WITH YOUR WORDS

**ADDING DETAILS**

It was Winter. Everything was frozen and white with snow. Snow had fallen from the sky for days. The weather was horrible.

OR

Mossflower lay deep in the grip of midwinter beneath a sky of leaden gray that showed tinges of scarlet and orange on the horizon. A cold mantle of snow draped the landscape, covering the flatlands to the west. Snow was everywhere, filling the ditches, drifting high against the hedgerows, making paths invisible, smoothing the contours of earth in its white embrace.

**ADD FEELINGS THROUGH ACTIONS – SHOW DON’T TELL**

Bill was nervous.

OR

Bill sat in a dentist’s waiting rom, peeling the skin at the edge of his thumb, until the raw, red flesh began to show. Biting the torn cuticle, he ripped it away, and sucked at the warm sweetness of his own blood.

**USE THESE 4 TECHNIQUES IN YOUR WRITING**

1. Use Participle phrases!!!The snake attacks the mouse. OR Hissing, slither, and coiling, the diamond-scaled snake attacks his prey.
2. Add an absolute!!! The cat climbed a tree OR Claws digging, feet kicking, the cat climbed the tree.
3. Add Appositives !!! The raccoon enjoys eating turtle eggs. OR The raccoon, a scavenger, enjoys eating turtle eggs.
4. Adjectives shifted out of order!!! The old, wrinkled woman smiled upon her new born grandson ---Try this! The woman, old and wrinkled, smiled upon her new born grandson.